

Say No to Biological Diversity Areas:

First came the movement to create Old growth forests, then the attempt to create pre-settlement conditions. When it was realized that old growth was not sustainable because living things (and trees live) age and die creating conditions for disease and abundant destructive insect life along with a wasteful death that created conditions for fire waiting to happen and considerable economic loss the opposition to old growth forced proponents to shift gears and change the name of the movement to establish Pre-settlement conditions. They ignored the fact that our world is dynamic and constantly in a state of change. Man has little control over this change and this fact soon surfaced. As the foolishness of this attempt became evident "pre-settlement" became "Natural areas". Natural areas had to have legislative approval. The next step was to allow the bureaucrats to act on their own by creating Biological Diversity Areas (BSA). Again opponents to this program surfaced we got another name change. We now call the movement Living Legacies.

No matter what the name is the end result is the same. These are set-asides. Create places where human activity is not acceptable. Conservation is the "Wise Use" of our resources. This is what the founders of the movement envisioned. Preservationists have the strange idea that we can save the planet by not using it. Our lives and existence depends on the use and development of our resources. Programs which prevent use only serve to strangle our economy and waste resources. "Hands off" policies serve no useful purpose. BSA's are "hands off". Please eliminate them from our management of resources.

Thank you.

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